

undercolor reduction. Beginning at col. 7, line 47, Vyncke merely discloses the deletion of useless objects that would not otherwise be shown in the finished rendered image, including any object that is completely hidden by an opaque or solid object. Thus, Vyncke does not disclose any of the features recited in the rejected claims.

Regarding rejected claim 20, Applicants assert that neither Vyncke nor Miller, whether considered alone or in combination, disclose each and every feature recited in the rejected claims.

Furthermore, Applicants submit that claim 20 is allowable for at least its dependency on independent claim 10 for the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features recited therein. Finally, as Miller is silent regarding overmarking, Miller does not overcome the deficiencies of Vyncke as discussed above.

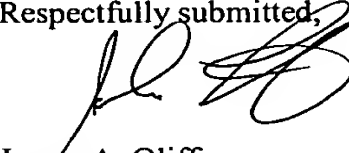
### **III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below. Should the Examiner believe that

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